MAGNIFICENT SPECIMENS FROM NEW SOUTH WALES SEMICASSIS ANGASI Iredale

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Cassidea angasi Brazier, 1911. Shirley, Proc. Roy. Soc. Q'land, 23, p. 98.

Xenogalea angasi Iredale, 1927. Rec. Austr. Mus., 15, p. 350, pl. 32, fig. 15.

Iredale, in 1927, figured and described the species Cassidea angasi,

Brazier's specific name being a nomen nudum.

Two magnificent specimens of this rare species taken at Evans Head, New South Wales, in 12 fathoms during September, 1956, have come into my possession. The larger measures, height 49 mm., width 31 mm., and they are figured here.

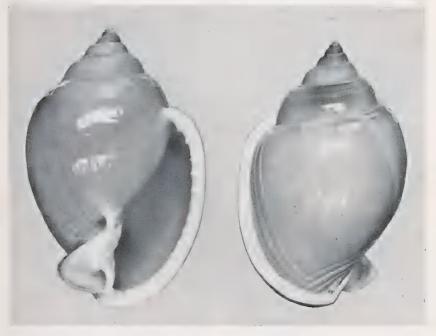
Close examination reveals that angasi has affinity with Semicassis

rather than Xenogalea as introduced by Iredale.

The denticulate outer lip, apertural features and spaced spiral lirae show relationship to Cassis japonica Reeve, the type species of Semicassis Morch, 1852, rather than with Cassis pyrum Lamarck, the type species of Xenogalea Iredale, 1927.

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Semicassis angasi Iredale.

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